

BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION MEETING MINUTES

**Natomas, CA
August 19, 2026**

BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION MEMBERS

Present:

- Terrence O'Brien, Chair
- Katie Delbar
- J. Lopez (Remote)
- Elicia Goldsworthy
- Dawn Blake
- Ryan Hilburn
- Joe King
- Rhys Williams

Absent:

- Liz Pardi, Vice Chair

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

- Tony Andersen, Executive Officer
- Dan Stapleton, Asst. Executive Officer, Foresters Registration
- Kate Cook, Senior Board Counsel
- Delia Rojas, Board Counsel
- Jane Van Susteren, Policy Advisor
- Tyler Hullquist, Regulations Program Manager
- Andrew Lawhorn, Forestry Assistant II
- Marcie Yates, Land Use Planning Manager
- Alex Vest, Wildfire Planning Specialist
- Alexandra La Plante, Administrative Manager
- Jennifer Lau-Malicedem, Contracts Analyst
- Mazonika Kemp, Records Administrator
- Anna Castro, Executive Assistant

Board Members Roll Call:

Member Lopez	Present
Member King	Present
Member Blake	Present
Member Delbar	Present
Member Pardi	Absent
Member Goldsworthy	Present
Member Hilburn	Present
Member Williams	Present
Chairman O'Brien	Present

Quorum established**Consent Calendar Items:**

08-19-01 Member Delbar move to accept items on the Consent Calendar as presented. Member Hilburn seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Hilburn:	Aye
Williams:	Aye
Lopez:	Aye
King:	Aye
Blake:	Aye
Delbar:	Aye
Pardi:	Absent
Goldsworthy:	Aye
O'Brien:	Aye

Motion passed.

MONTHLY BOARD REPORTS:**Report of the Chairman, Terrence O'Brien:**

Chairman O'Brien expressed gratitude to fire professionals combating ongoing fires in the west, including those in Spokane and California. He extended condolences for the professionals who have lost their lives during the current fire season and for the loss of structures in Spokane.

The chairman noted that more extensive comments would be provided during the Zone Zero Regulations discussion from Agenda Item 8.

Executive Officer Report, Tony Andersen:

Executive Officer Andersen provided the following updates to the Board:

- Tyler Hullquist was introduced to the Board as the new Regulations Program Manager with over 15 years of experience as a forester.
- The next Board meeting will be a travel meeting in the Jamestown area on September 22-24, 2026. The meetings will be held at the Chicken Ranch Casino Resort.
- The Tahoe Summit is currently underway, with Katie Harrell representing the Board.
- Executive Officer Andersen thanked Board staff, Board Advisory Committee members, the Board and the many people that have shown up for the tireless work invested in our Zone Zero Agenda Item today. This was extensive effort from a small team of 5-6 staff, board members, and the public went into the Zone Zero agenda item. This work included 12 public workshops, 4 town halls, 4 walking tours in Los Angeles neighborhoods, and a review of thousands of public comments.

Report of the Regulations Program Manager, Tyler Hullquist:

Tyler Hullquist presented to the Board the Final Statements of Reasons and Rule Text for the Rulemaking titled "Work Completion Notices for Emergency Notice Timber Operations 2025" pursuant to 14 CCR 1052.

- The rule aims to improve compliance and oversight of emergency notice operations.
- A typo was identified on page 1, line 12, citing "1052 b, 1-11" instead of "1052 a, 1-11". Therefore, with Board direction Board staff will amend to correct the error. This rulemaking was noticed on June 12, 2026, for 45 days during this period the Board received one comment in support, summarized at the end of the Final Statement of Reasons.
- Following the end of the notice period a public hearing was held where an additional comment in support was received summarized at the end of the final statement of reasons

Consideration of final rule text and Final Statement of Reasons for the Rulemaking titled “Work Completion Notices for Emergency timber Operations, 2025”, 14 CA Code of Regulations 1052:

08-19-02 Member Goldsworthy move to approve the Final Statement of Reasons for the rulemaking entitled “Work Completion Notices for Emergency Timber Operations, 2025.” with a friendly amendment as advised by staff to correct the error at 1052 a, 1-11 Member Delbar seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Hilburn:	Aye
Williams:	Aye
Lopez:	Aye
King:	Aye
Blake:	Aye
Delbar:	Aye
Pardi:	Absent
Goldsworthy:	Aye

O’Brien:	Aye
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Motion passed.

Consideration of final rule text and Final Statement of Reasons for the Rulemaking titled “Work Completion Notices for Emergency timber Operations, 2025”, 14 CA Code of Regulations 1052:

08-19-03 Member Goldsworthy move to adopt the final rule text for the rulemaking entitled “Work Completion Notices for Emergency Timber Operations, 2025,” and authorize staff to take all actions reasonably necessary to have the adopted regulations go into effect, including making appropriate non-substantive changes and any changes to facilitate review by the Office of Administrative Law. Member King seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Hilburn:	Aye
Williams:	Aye
Lopez:	Aye
King:	Aye
Blake:	Aye
Delbar:	Aye
Pardi:	Absent
Goldsworthy:	Aye

O’Brien:	Aye
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Motion passed.

Tyler Hullquist presented to the Board for consideration the Final Statement of Reasons for the Rulemaking titled “Geographically Overlapping Harvesting Permits, the rulemaking provides regulatory amendments to Title 14 CA Code of Regulations section 1038, 1038.1.

- Clarifying the timing and use of Timber Harvesting Plans that overlap geographically to better ensure resource protection.
- Also, provides a pathway for timberland owners to terminate a notice of exemption.
- The Board received one comment in support during the 45-day notice period and another during a public hearing.

Consideration of final rule text and Final Statement of Reasons for the Rulemaking titled “Geographically Overlapping Harvesting Permits,” 14 CA Code of Regulations 1038:

08-19-04 Member Goldsworthy move to approve the Final Statement of Reasons for the Rulemaking titled “Geographically Overlapping Harvesting Permits, : 14 CA Code of Regulations 1038. Member King seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Hilburn:	Aye
Williams:	Aye
Lopez:	Aye
King:	Aye
Blake:	Aye
Delbar:	Aye
Pardi:	Absent
Goldsworthy:	Aye

O’Brien:	Aye
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Motion passed.

Consideration of final rule text and Final Statement of Reasons for the Rulemaking titled “Geographically Overlapping Harvesting Permits,” 14 CA Code of Regulations 1038:

08-19-05 Member Goldsworthy move to adopt the final rule text for the rulemaking entitled “Geographically Overlapping Harvesting Permits,” and authorize staff to take all actions reasonably necessary to have the adopted regulations go into effect, including making appropriate non-substantive changes and any changes to facilitate review by the Office of Administrative Law. Member Delbar seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Hilburn:	Aye
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Williams:	Aye
Lopez:	Aye
King:	Aye
Blake:	Aye
Delbar:	Aye
Pardi:	Absent
Goldsworthy:	Aye
O'Brien:	Aye

Motion passed.

Consider adoption of Zone Zero Defensible Space Emergency Regulations for the State Responsibility Area and very high Fire Hazard Severity Zones Designated by the local agencies (pursuant to Gov. Code Sections 51179, 51182 and Public Resources Code Section 4291:

- Consider adopting the Finding of Emergency and final rule text for submission to the Office of Administrative Law for the Zone Zero “Ember Resistant Zone” emergency regulations – Tony Andersen, Executive Officer; Yana Valachovic, University of CA; Jane Van Susteren, Board staff.

Board Comments:

- Member Delbar commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Member Williams commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Member Hilburn commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Member King commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Member Goldsworthy commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Member Blake commented on the Zone Zero Regulations

Public Comments:

- Jeffrey Bloomfield commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Michael Thwuati, local Firewise & Fire Organizer commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Jeff Blum commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Steve Hawks commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Mark Sektnan, A.P.C.I.A commented on Zone Zero Regulations
- Phyllis Aguilera commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- David Fowler commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Margit Roos-Collins commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Greg Hurner commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Nick Cammarota commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Teresa Feo, Mega Fire Action commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Mike Wara commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Larry Aguilera commented on the Zone Zero Regulations

- Sarah Clarity, Senior Legislative Deputy for Los Angeles City Council member Tracy Park commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Thelma Waxon, President of the Brentwood Homeowners Association commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Larry Williams commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Todd Lando, Battalion Chief Central Marine Fire Department commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Pamela Bree, Landscape Architect Technical Committee commented on Zone Zero Regulations
- Kimberly Burr commented on Zone Zero Regulations
- Ruben Grijalva commented on Zone Zero Regulations
- JC Hyde commented on Zone Zero Regulations
- Stephaine Landergen commented on Zone Zero Regulations
- Jane Turghen commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Yen Track commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Matt Dobbson commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Diana Nicole commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Gayle Pardes commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Deb Gordon commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Candence W. commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Teri Sasia commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Dave Left commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Katie Delbar, Board member commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- Terrence O'Brien, Chair commented on Zone Zero Regulations
- Elicia Goldsworthy, Board member commented on the Zone Zero Regulations
- J. Lopez Board member commented on the Zone Zero Regulations

Consider adopting the Finding of Emergency and final rule text for submission to the Office of Administrative Law for the Zone Zero “Ember-Resistant Zone” emergency regulations:

08-19-06 Chair O'Brien move to approve the finding of emergency, adopt the emergency Zone 0 regulations, and authorize the Board staff to submit the emergency rulemaking entitled “Zone Defensible Space” to the Office of Administrative Law for noticing of the 5-day Comment Period and take all appropriate actions consistent with the Administrative Procedure Act, including making non-substantive changes, for the purpose of enacting the emergency regulations. Member Goldsworthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Hilburn:	Aye
Williams:	Aye
Lopez:	Aye
King:	Aye
Blake:	Aye

Delbar:	Aye
Pardi:	Absent
Goldsworthy:	Aye

O'Brien:	Aye
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Motion passed.

Consider approving the draft Guidance Document for establishing and maintaining defensible space for Zone 0, 1, and 2.

08-19-07 Chair O'Brien move to approve the Draft Guidance Document for establishing and maintaining defensible space for Zones 0, 1, and 2 and authorize the Executive Officer to make substantive changes and updates as necessary to the Guidance Document prior to and following its publication. Member Lopez seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Hilburn:	Aye
Williams:	Aye
Lopez:	Aye
King:	Aye
Blake:	Aye
Delbar:	Aye
Pardi:	Absent
Goldsworthy:	Aye

O'Brien:	Aye
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Motion passed.

CONCLUSION

Public Forum

Public Comments:

- Diana Nicole commented
- Richard Gienger commented.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:



Tony Andersen
Executive Officer



Terrence O'Brien
Chairman